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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Please Note: I am currently on detail to the EPA Region 10 office in Portland, Oregon until July 23, 2016.
Thank you!



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Clean Up Portland Harbor

Letter

Dr. Ms. McCarthy, The proposed cleanup of the Portland Harbor is a big win for industry and a bad deal for the public. EPA's cleanup proposal tackles just 8% of a site area that is 100% toxic. A more aggressive plan is needed to prevent even more harm to human health and the environment. On behalf of all people who rely on the river for food, recreation, employment and culture, I urge the EPA to implement a plan that: Moves quickly and sustainably reduces contaminants causing harm to Willamette and

Columbia River resources. Includes ongoing monitoring and cleanup upriver and downriver from the site. Contributes to healthy fish that are safe to eat for all people. Holds polluters accountable for creating a safer Portland Harbor. These elements get us closer to the plan our communities deserve. And I deserve a clean, safe Portland Harbor. *Submitted during the comment period between June 9, 2016 to August 8, 2016 regarding the EPA's Portland Harbor Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan.

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July 8, 2016

To: EPA, Attention Harbor Cleanup, Portland Oregon

Re: Proposed treatment for Super Fund site on Lower Willamette River

Please add my comments below into the hearing record on the proposed EPA option.

Leaving aside the travesty that Congress has 'defunded' the Super Fund years ago, leaving localities to fend for themselves to recover sufficient capital from those companies who should be responsible for the cleanup, I understand that the EPA is attempting to come up with a solution for remedies. Most unfortunately we can add to the abdication of Congress the unwillingness of all those companies who ought to feel a responsibility to our State and its people to make things right, and legal resistance to step up and shoulder costs on legacy pollution of a whopping 185 chemicals in Oregon's largest river, a major contributor to the Columbia.

We used to sneer at the decades old dictum 'THE SOLUTION TO POLLUTION IS DILLUTION' but this seems to be precisely what EPA is proposing to do here in Portland. Its favored option would only treat 8% of the site. Moreover, to move contaminated river bottom to another location IN THE RIVER and top it off is merely to bury it someplace else and strikes me as a fool's errand. Do we really believe that an active river system is an optimum disposal site for PCBs, dioxins, various metals and plastics? Our 30th Governor Tom McCall who famously cleaned up the Willamette from years of use as a dump, e.g., logging debris, sewage, industrial waste etc. would scoff at such an idea, I'm certain. And, so do we.

I urge you to select a more thorough clean up option [G or H] and aggressively pursue cost-recovery from the original polluters. It is more responsible to have as a goal to achieve an outcome that does not put future residents at risk that protects a healthy fish population, and safeguards the river as a critical piece in our regional ecosystem. Why spend money on a non-solution?

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